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SUBJECT: US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS: BELOVSKI CALL ON VEST

1. SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST ON SEPTEMBER 8 TO GO OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS AND TO LOOK AHEAD TO ADDITIONAL WAYS TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS. IN PARTICULAR HE PROPOSED THAT SECRETARY VANCE VISIT YUGOSLAVIA BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR AND SPECULATED THAT TITO WOULD VISIT THE USSR SOON. END SUMMARY

2. BELOVSKI BEGAN BY REITERATING HIS PERSONAL SATISFACTION AND THAT OF HIS ASSOCIATES WITH THE MARKOVIC/NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VISIT. MARKOVIC IS IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL, CONFIDENTIAL

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BELOVSKI SAID, AND HIS HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF US INTEREST IN YUGOSLAVIA WILL REINFORCE THE SIMILARLY POSITIVE VIEW HELD BY OTHER SENIOR YUGOSLAV LEADERS.

3. TURNING TO THE WEEKS AHEAD, BELOVSKI RECAPPED THE BUSY SCHEDULE OF VISITS: FOUR SEPARATE GROUPS COMING FOR THE IMF/IBRD MEETING, THE VAKIC/CHAMBER OF ECONOMY DELE-

GATION AND THE LJUBICIC VISIT. HE REGRETTED HAVING VAKIC AND LJUBICIC BOTH HERE ON SEPTEMBER 25 AND PONDERED HAVING VAKIC COME TO WASHINGTON LATER, AFTER HIS TRAVELS

ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. WE NOTED THAT AN APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY KREPS HAD BEEN ARRANGED ON THE 25TH AND THAT SHE WAS EXPECTED TO BE OUT OF TOWN IN EARLY OCTOBER. BELOVSKI ACCEPTED THE POINT AND SAID IN THAT CASE HE WOULD HAVE TO GO WITH LJUBICIC THAT DAY.

4. HE ALSO RUMINATED ABOUT HAVING THE PARTY DELEGATION, NOW EXPECTED IN MID-OCTOBER, DELAYED UNTIL NOVEMBER, BUT POLITICAL COUNSELOR MATIC POINTED OUT THAT THE OCTOBER TIMING WOULD ALLOW THE YUGOSLAVS TO SEE THE FINAL WEEKS OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. BELOVSKI AGREED THAT THIS WOULD BE USEFUL.

5. BELOVSKI THEN ASKED ABOUT HAVING SECRETARY VANCE VISIT YUGOSLAVIA, PREFERABLY BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. THE SECRETARY WOULD BE VERY WELL RECEIVED, BELOVSKI EMPHASIZED, AND THERE WOULD BE "NO QUESTION" THAT ALL OF THE TOP LEADERS INCLUDING TITO WOULD RECEIVE HIM. SUCH A VISIT WOULD CONTINUE THE HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGES WE HAVE ENJOYED OVER THE PAST YEAR AND ONE-HALF AND, FROM THE YUGOSLAV SIDE, WOULD BALANCE THE RECENT TALKS WITH THE CHINESE "AND OTHERS." AS AN ASIDE, BELOVSKI SAID THAT HE THOUGHT CONFIDENTIAL

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TITO WOULD PROBABLY VISIT THE USSR FOR A FEW DAYS SOON, "POSSIBLY ON VACATION." IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HE DO SO, BELOVSKI SAID WITHOUT EXPLANATION. A VISIT BY THE SECRETARY LATER THIS YEAR SHOULD BE SEEN IN THIS CONTEXT, HE SAID. VEST AGREED THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA IN PRINCIPLE AND SAID HE WOULD RAISE IT WITH THE SECRETARY. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE SECRETARY IS TIED UP WITH THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT NOW, AND WOULD BE INVOLVED IN SALT AND UNGA TALKS LATER THIS MONTH. VEST SAID HE COULD NOT THEREFORE BE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE BUT PROMISED TO RAISE THE IDEA OF A VISIT.

6. BELOVSKI INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT YET KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHEN FOREIGN SECRETARY VRHOVEC WOULD COME TO NEW YORK FOR THE UNGA NOR HOW LONG HE WOULD STAY (FYI. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY CAN FORWARD ON VRHOVEC SCHEDULE. A BILATERAL WITH THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN AGREED TO, BUT HAS NOT YET BEEN SCHEDULED. END FYI).

7. BELOVSKI THEN TURNED TO SECURITY MATTERS, STATING THAT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD JUST PICKED UP NINETEEN CROATIAN TERRORISTS. FOLLOWING LEADS PROVIDED BY THE

YUGOSLAVS, THE AUSTRALIANS HAD RAIDED A TRAINING CAMP AND CONFISCATED ARMS, INSTRUCTIONS AND MAPS OF YUGOSLAVIA. THIS RAID WILL HAVE AN IMPACT HERE AND ELSEWHERE, SINCE THESE TERRORISTS HAVE CONTACTS INTERNATIONALLY. THE IMMEDIATE EFFECTS, SAID BELOVSKI, WILL BE TO HELP THE

US, FRG AND OTHER AUTHORITIES IN FINDING OUT WHICH PERSONS OR GROUPS ELSEWHERE ARE LINKED TO THOSE WHO WERE CAPTURED. SECONDLY, IT WILL FURTHER PANIC THE ANTI-YUGOSLAV EMIGRES HERE AND ELSEWHERE AND MAY DRIVE THEM TO DESPERATE ACTION. BELOVSKI ASKED THAT THE US SECURITY SERVICES ASSESS THIS DEVELOPMENT AND THE OTHER RECENT EVENTS. HE SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE ASSESSMENT, INTERPRETATION AND POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES  
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AS VIEWED BY OUR SECURITY SERVICES. (FYI, THIS INFORMATION PLUS DCM SINDJELIC'S COMMENT EARLIER IN THE WEEK ABOUT THE FORMATION OF A "SEPTEMBER 10" GROUP TO SEEK THE RELEASE OF THE TWA HIGHJACKERS WAS PASSED TO THE OFFICE OF SECURITY, WHICH HAS REQUESTED INCREASED VIGILANCE AT YUGOSLAV INSTALLATIONS. END FYI). CHRISTOPHER

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